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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 5-7, 9-26, 30-32, 34-41, and 45-47 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Padole et al. (U.S. Patent 6,993,664; hereinafter Padole).

The Office Action rejected claims 2, 4, 27, 29, 42, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Padole and further in view of Pearce et al. (U.S. Patent 6,243,468; hereinafter Pearce).

The Office Action rejected claims 8, 33 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Padole and further in view of Nash (U.S. Patent 6,449,645; hereinafter Nash).

The Office Action rejected claims 3, 28 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Padole and Pearce, and further in view of Nash.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections addressed to all of the above rejected pending claims 1-48 for at least the reasons set forth below.

Discussion of the claim rejection under 35 USC 102

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 5-7, 9-26, 30-32, 34-41, and 45-47 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Padole.

In response thereto, Applicant hereby otherwise traverse these rejections. As such, Applicant submits the present invention, as set forth in claims 1, 5-7, 9-26, 30-32, 34-41, and 45-47, is neither taught, disclosed, nor suggested by Padole, or any of the other cited references,

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taken alone or in combination, and thus should be allowed.

Specifically, with respect to claim 1, as originally filed, recites in part:

A system for detecting an illegal loading of a software with a software serial number and executing the software thereafter, the system comprising:

a personal identity circuit for **holding a software serial number** of a software and **generating an inspection code in installing the software**; and

a communication control interface having a communication equipment serial number, the communication control interface is provided for connecting the personal identity circuit with a new product registration center, therefore **the new product registration center reset the inspection code according to the software serial number and the communication equipment serial number**;

... (Emphasis added)

Applicant submits Padole, when considered in its entirety, fails to teach “a personal identity circuit for **holding a software serial number** of a software and **generating an inspection code in installing the software**” and “**the new product registration center reset the inspection code according to the software serial number and the communication equipment serial number**”.

In rejecting claim 1, addressing to the limitation of “a personal identity circuit for **holding a software serial number** of a software and **generating an inspection code in installing the software**”, the Examiner designated [(lines 21-23, Col. 2; lines 59-60, Col. 4 of Padole)]. In the designated part, Padole teaches: “If activation is required based on the license

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type, then an installation ID including a product ID (PID) and a hardware ID (H/W ID) are transmitted to an activation authority”, and “Data derived from the product key is part of a product ID (PID)”. It seems the Examiner has designated the product ID (PID) of Padole as reading on the inspection code generated by the personal identity circuit in installing the software, as required in the claimed invention.

In this manner, Applicant submits a further limitation set forth in claim 1, “the new product registration center *reset* the inspection code according to the software serial number and the communication equipment serial number”. Applicant submits that throughout the full context of padole, there is no teaching of resetting the product ID (PID).

Addressing this limitation, the Examiner designated [(lines 27-32, Col. 2; and lines 43-60, Col. 8)]. In the designated part, Padole teaches: “The activation authority uses the PID to determine whether the software product has been activated before and uses the channel ID to determine the type of backend license to grant. If the PID is found in the database, the activation authority applies various unlocking rules to determine whether or not the license should be issued” (lines 27-32, Col. 2), and “The software product 36 generates a hardware ID (H/W ID) that identifies a set of hardware components that make up the customer’s computer 20” (lines 43-60, Col. 8).

According to above teachings, Padole intends to compare the PID with a database in determining whether to activate the software installation. However, Padole fails to teach any **resetting operation of the PID**, especially the PID (inspection code) [is reset] **according to the product key (software serial number) and the communication equipment serial number (H/W ID)** (Emphasis added).

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As such, when considered in its entirety, for failing to teach a resetting operation of the claimed inspection code by the new product registration center according to the software serial number and the communication equipment serial number, Padole does not deem to anticipate the claimed invention, as set forth in claim 1, as above recited, and claim 26 which recites similar limitation as discussed hereabove addressing the allowability of claim 1. Claims 1 and 26 are then submitted to be novel and unobvious over Padole or any of the other cited references, taken alone or in combination, and thus should be allowed.

Likewise, claim 19, recites a limitation of: "the new product registration center resets the inspection code according to the received software serial number and the communication equipment serial number"; claim 34 recites the same limitation of: "the new product registration center resets the inspection code according to the received software serial number and the communication equipment serial number"; and claim 41 recites a similar limitation of: "an inspection code stored in the computer is then reset according to the software serial number and the communication equipment serial number", none of which has been taught, disclosed, or suggested by Padole, or any of the other cited references, taken alone or in combination.

Therefore, for at least the foregoing reasons, independent claims 1, 19, 26, 34, 41, and their dependent claims 5-7, 9-25, 30-32, 34-40, and 45-47 rejected hereby are submitted to be allowable.

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Discussion of the claim rejection under 35 USC 103

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Claims 2, 4 depend on allowable independent claim 1, and thus should also be allowed.

Claims 27, 29 depend on allowable independent claim 26, and thus should also be allowed.

Claims 42, 44 depend on allowable independent claim 41, and thus should also be allowed.

The Office Action rejected claims 8, 33 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Padole and further in view of Nash (U.S. Patent 6,449,645; hereinafter Nash).

Claim 8 depends on allowable independent claim 1, and thus should also be allowed.

Claim 33 depends on allowable independent claim 26, and thus should also be allowed.

Claim 48 depends on allowable independent claim 41, and thus should also be allowed.

The Office Action rejected claims 3, 28 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Padole and Pearce, and further in view of Nash.

Claim 3 depends on allowable independent claim 1, and thus should also be allowed.

Claim 28 depends on allowable independent claim 26, and thus should also be allowed.

Claim 43 depends on allowable independent claim 41, and thus should also be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

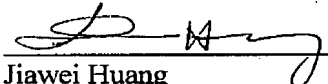
For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-48 of the present application patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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